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## Parra Notes

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Hello Friends:

In order to prepare for the beginning of the new legislative year, **Parra Notes** will go on hiatus until Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact any of my offices listed below if you need any assistance or simply want information on what I am doing in the community. For now, I wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season.

I had a great time last Friday as I got to see many of you at the **Hanford Christmas Parade**. I rode on a float with Hanford residents **Victoria Evans**, **Steven Rogers** and **Hand in Hand** Community Director **Judy Horn**.

On Monday, I participated in a press conference held by **Bakersfield College** to recognize the work I've done in allocating additional funding for the **Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship**. Present at the press conference was **Bakersfield College** President **William Andrews**, Director of Nursing/EMT programs **Cindy Collier**, and several scholarship recipients who are using the funding to pursue their nursing careers. I encourage anyone interested in a career in nursing to look into applying for this scholarship. I know how stressful it can be to have to worry about taking out student loans to pay for college, but scholarship money you never have to repay.

For more information on applying for the **Fall 2006/Spring 2007** scholarship call the Health Professionals Education Foundation at **1-800-773-1669** or visit [www.healthprofessions.ca.gov](http://www.healthprofessions.ca.gov). The application **deadline** for the fall 2006/spring 2007 school year scholarship is **March 24<sup>th</sup> 2006**.

Following the press conference, I headed over to **Arvin High School** where I helped the **Constitution Team** prepare for their competition on **December 6<sup>th</sup>** in **Bakersfield**. This team made up of **Arvin High** Juniors and Seniors is one of the best around. In fact, last year the team made it to the state finals in **Sacramento**.

On Tuesday evening, I hosted a town hall in **Richgrove** to provide community members with access to government resources. Over 150 **Richgrove** residents were in attendance. Among the many panelists at the forum were **Jose Torres** from the **Tulare County Sheriff's** department who spoke about safety issues and **Frank Ruiz** from the **Tulare County** Development Department who spoke about first time home buyer programs.

**PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY** **SAVE THE DATE**

The next **Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** working group meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** at the **University of California Merced** from **1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The board meeting will take place the following day, **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the same location. The **University of California Merced** is located at **5200 North Lake Road** in **Merced**.

For a copy of the working agenda or to learn more about the Partnership, visit the Business, Transportation and Housing website by going to [www.bth.ca.gov](http://www.bth.ca.gov) and click on "California Partnership for the Central Valley."

### **VETERANS BUS RIDE *SAVE THE DATE***

For those of you that were unable to take part in the last Veterans Bus Ride, mark your calendars because we are taking another trip on **Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**. Further details will follow shortly after the new year.

### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **NEED HOMEWORK HELP?**

The California State Library has made available through their website a new service called **Live Homework Help**. This service enables students to connect on-line with a tutor for assistance with homework questions. Supported by Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) federal funding, students can access Live Homework Help through [28 California public libraries](http://www.library.ca.gov/tutor/). It is important to note that the tutors who respond to student questions are screened, trained, and closely monitored.

Live Homework Help is easy! Log on to <http://www.library.ca.gov/tutor/> from your computer any time between **1:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.** and follow the simple setup instructions.

#### **I WANT YOUR IDEAS!!**

It's that time of year again when legislators start brainstorming for legislative ideas they can introduce as Assembly bills in February and eventually turn into law. As a result, I've been busy meeting with various groups and individuals throughout my district to determine what issues in the Valley can best be addressed with new legislation. If you have any ideas for new laws please e-mail me at [Assemblymember.Parra@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:Assemblymember.Parra@assembly.ca.gov). Make sure to include the words "New Legislation" on the subject line.

#### **MEETING REQUESTS**

If you or your organization would like to set up a time to meet with me or would like for me to attend an event you are sponsoring, please feel free to contact my Executive Secretary Ellen Manolis at (916) 319-2030 or by e-mail at [Ellen.Manolis@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Ellen.Manolis@asm.ca.gov).

#### **INTERNS WANTED**

I am accepting applications for the fall internship program in my **Hanford, Bakersfield** and **Sacramento** offices. Candidates should be residents of the 30th Assembly District, possess solid research and communication skills, and have a strong interest in public policy and political issues facing the Central Valley. Applications can be found by going to: <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a30>.

For Hanford office internships contact **Matt Rogers** at **(559) 585-7170** or by e-mail at

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For Bakersfield office internships contact **Manuel Barrera** at **(661) 334-3745** or by e-mail at [Manuel.Barrera@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Manuel.Barrera@asm.ca.gov).

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